

U. S. PEANUT STOCKS

Peanut stocks reported in commercial storage on March 31, 2008 totaled 2.32 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared with 2.93 billion pounds last year. This total includes 1.51 billion pounds of actual farmer stock. Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 741 million pounds of farmer stock equivalent. Roasting stock totaled 63.7 million pounds. Shelled peanut stocks totaled 557 million pounds of which 505 million pounds were edible grades

and 52.2 million pounds were oil stock. Edible grade stocks by type included 90.3 million pounds of Virginias and Valencias, 388 million pounds of Runners, and 26.8 million pounds of Spanish. March millings totaled 381 million pounds. Millings by type were 53.2 million pounds of Virginias and Valencias, 328 million pounds of Runners, and 196,000 pounds of Spanish.

Stocks of Peanuts (excludes stocks on farms) and Specific Products at Month's End, Crop of 2007- 2008 1/					
Month Ending	Farmer Stock	Shelled Peanuts 2/	Roasting Stock (In Shell)	Farmer Stock Equivalent	
				Shelled Peanuts	Total 3/
			---1,000 Pounds---		
August 2007	446,608	519,805	35,609	691,341	1,173,558
September	431,540	460,141	30,374	611,988	1,073,902
October	2,186,144	402,232	31,607	534,969	2,752,720
November	2,821,270	409,063	35,670	544,054	3,400,994
December	2,614,656	403,259	48,773	536,334	3,199,763
January 2008	2,236,846	447,930	65,553	595,747	2,898,146
February	1,872,378	513,805	66,982	683,361	2,622,721
March	1,514,476	557,141	63,672	740,998	2,319,146
April					
May					
June					
July					
March 2007	2,064,018	609,624	54,129	810,800	2,928,967

1/ Excludes stocks on farms. 2/ Includes shelled edible grades, shelled oil stock, and shelled seed (untreated). 3/ Actual farmer stock, plus roasting stock, plus shelled peanuts X 1.33.

Farm Facts

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THIS ISSUE'S HIGHLIGHTS	
■ Broiler Hatchery Production	■ Milk Production, Disposition and Income
■ Chicken and Egg Production	■ Milk Production
■ Livestock Slaughter	■ Peanut Stocks
■ Meat Animal Production, Disposition and Income	■ Poultry Production and Value

EGG PRODUCTION

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 96 million eggs during March down 7 percent from a year ago. Production totaled 74 million table eggs and 22 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,598,000 birds, which was down 7 percent from 4,920,000 a year ago. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,088 eggs, compared with 2,093 in March 2007.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 7.68 billion during March 2008, down 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.53 billion table eggs, and 1.15 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.08 billion were broiler-type and 67 million were egg-type. The number of layers during March 2008 averaged 342 million, down 2 percent from last year. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,244 eggs, up slightly from March 2007.

Average Layers and Egg Production Selected States, and U.S., March 2008			
Selected States	Average No. of Layers	Eggs Produced	Eggs per 100 Layers
	Thousand	Million	Number
Alabama	9,545	184	1,928
Florida	10,697	243	2,272
Georgia	19,337	406	2,100
North Carolina	12,678	267	2,106
South Carolina	4,598	96	2,088
United States	342,040	7,675	2,244

MEAT ANIMALS PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION, AND INCOME

Total **cash receipts** from marketings of meat animals (cattle and hogs) in SOUTH CAROLINA during 2007 was \$170.6 million, down 11 percent from the \$192.0 million marketed in 2006. Cattle and calves accounted for 74 percent of this total while hogs and pigs represented 26 percent.

Total production for both species was 246.5 million pounds, down 8 percent from 2006. The average price per 100 pounds for cattle decreased from \$80.60 in 2006 to \$79.10 in 2007 and calves decreased from \$115 to \$106. Hogs and pigs average per 100 pounds was up to \$46.50 in 2007 from \$45.70 in 2006.

Total 2007 **cash receipts** from marketings of meat animals increased 2 percent to \$65.0 billion. Cattle and calves accounted for 76 percent of this total, hogs and pigs 23 percent, and sheep and lambs 1 percent. Production decreased for all

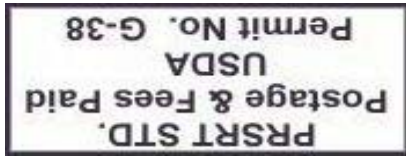


BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION

During the month of March, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 20.3 million chicks, up 3 percent from last year's 19.7 million chicks.

The UNITED STATES broiler-type chicks hatched during March 2008 totaled 833 million; up 3 percent from March 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 674 million on April 1, 2008, up 1 percent from a year earlier.

CHICKS HATCHED by Type South Carolina and U.S., March 2008		
Flock Type and Area	March 2008	Jan-Mar 2008
	Thousand	
Broiler Type:		
SOUTH CAROLINA	20,254	58,821
United States	832,899	2,425,962
Egg Type:		
United States	39,547	117,263



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POULTRY PRODUCTION AND VALUE

The value of **SOUTH CAROLINA'S** broiler, egg and turkey production plus sales from chickens in 2007 was \$942.5 million up 23 percent from the 2006 value of \$767.8 million.

The value of **broilers** produced during 2007 was \$666.2 million, up 28 percent from the \$521.0 million in 2006. The total number of broilers produced in 2007 was 235.0 million, up 3 percent from the 227.1 million in 2006. Value of **egg** production in 2007 was \$90.8 million, up 33 percent from \$68.1 million in 2006. In 2007, eggs averaged 91.7 cents per dozen compared to 63.9 cents in 2006. The value of **turkeys** produced in 2007 was \$184.3 million, up 4 percent from \$177.5 million in 2006. Turkey production totaled 419 million pounds in 2007, up 9 percent from the 386 million pounds in 2006. The value of **chickens sold** for slaughter was \$1.1 million in 2007, down 3 percent from 2006.

The **UNITED STATES'** combined value of production from broilers, eggs, turkeys, and the value of sales from chickens in 2006, was \$31.9 billion, up 24 percent from the \$25.8 billion in 2006. Of the combined total, 67 percent was from broilers, 21 percent from eggs, 12 percent from turkeys, and less than 1 percent from chickens.

The **value of broilers** produced during 2007 was \$21.5 billion, up 21 percent from 2006. The total number of broilers

produced in 2007 was 8.90 billion, up slightly from 2006. The total amount of live weight broilers produced in 2007 was 49.2 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2006. The 2007 average price per pound on a live weight equivalent basis was 43.6 cents per pound, compared with 36.3 cents in 2006.

Value of all egg production in 2007 was \$6.68 billion, up 51 percent from the \$4.43 billion in 2006. Egg production totaled 90.6 billion eggs, down 1 percent from the 91.3 billion produced in 2006. In 2007, all eggs averaged 88.5 cents per dozen, compared with 58.2 cents in 2006.

The **value of turkeys** produced during 2007 was \$3.71 billion, up 4 percent from the \$3.57 billion the previous year. Turkey production in 2007 totaled 7.87 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the 7.46 billion pounds produced in 2006. The average price received by producers during 2007 was 47.2 cents per pound, compared with 47.9 cents in 2006.

The **value of sales from chickens** (excluding broilers) in 2007 was \$50.8 million, down 6 percent from the \$53.8 million a year ago. Prices averaged 5.6 cents per pound, compared with 5.8 cents in 2006. The number of chickens sold in 2007 totaled 167 million, down 3 percent from the total sold during the previous year.

Production and Price by Selected States and Total, 2006 - 2007

State	Eggs				Broilers				Turkeys			
	Eggs Produced		Price / Dozen		Number Produced		Price / Lb. 1/		Number Raised 2/		Price / Lb. 3/	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	Million		Dollars		1,000 Head		Dollars		Million Head		Dollars	
FL	2,938	2,885	0.489	0.776	75,000	73,300	0.360	0.430	---	---	---	---
GA	4,811	4,792	0.920	1.100	1,358,800	1,398,800	0.360	0.430	---	---	---	---
NC	2,636	2,960	1.170	1.330	749,900	781,200	0.380	0.460	37,500	39,000	0.46	0.43
SC	1,280	1,188	0.639	0.917	227,100	235,000	0.370	0.450	9,600	10,500	0.46	0.44
US	91,328	90,581	0.582	0.885	8,867,800	8,898,200	0.363	0.436	262,460	271,689	0.479	0.472

1/ Live weight equivalent prices, derived from ready-to-cook (RTC) prices using the following formulas: RTC price minus processing cost X (dressing percentage) = live weight equivalent price. 2/ Based on turkeys placed Sep. 1, 2005, through Aug 31, 2006. Excludes young turkeys lost. 3/ Live weight equivalent price to producers is used when actual live weight price is not available for the State.

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: Selected States and United States, March, 2007 - 2008 1/

Selected States	March 2007	February 2008	March 2008	March 2008 as % of 2/	
				March 2007	February 2008
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Florida	7.0	6.7	7.6	110	114
Georgia	12.6	12.5	13.0	103	104
Iowa	552.3	571.6	607.1	110	106
North Carolina	190.5	212.8	202.7	106	95
South Carolina ...	21.5	21.9	20.7	96	94
Tennessee	18.3	16.8	17.5	95	104
United States	4,012.4	3,967.6	4,092.9	102	103

1/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton. 2/ Percentages based on unrounded data.

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: United States, March, 2007-2008/

Class	March 2007	February 2008	March 2008	March 2008% of	
				March 2007	February 2008
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Beef	2,118.2	*2,038.9	2,102.7	99	103
Veal	13.5	11.0	11.2	83	102
Pork	1,861.0	1,902.6	1,962.9	105	103
Lamb & Mutton	19.6	15.0	16.0	82	107
Total Red Meat 2/.....	4,012.4	3,967.6	4,092.9	102	103

*Revised. 1/ Based on packers’ dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter. 2/ Totals may not equal sum of the parts due to rounding.

MILK PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION, AND INCOME

Total cash receipts from marketings of milk in **SOUTH CAROLINA** during 2007 was \$67.3 million, up 60 percent from the \$42.2 million marketed in 2006. Total milk production was 322 million pounds for 2007, up 16 percent from 277 million pounds in 2006. The average price per 100 pounds for milk increased from \$15.40 in 2006 to \$21.10 in 2007.

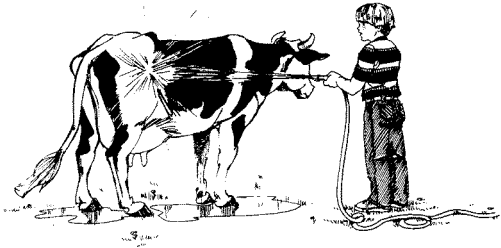
Cash receipts in the UNITED STATES from marketings of milk during 2007 totaled \$35.4 billion, 51.4 percent higher than 2006. Producer returns averaged \$19.21 per hundredweight, 48.2 percent above 2006. Marketings totaled 184 billion pounds, 2.1

percent above 2006. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers and milk sold directly to consumers. An estimated 1.17 billion pounds of milk were used on farms where produced, 1.0 percent more than 2006. Calves were fed 87 percent of this milk, with the remainder consumed in producer households. Milk production increased 2.1 percent in 2007 to 186 billion pounds. The rate per cow, at 20,267 pounds, was 316 pounds above 2006. The annual average number of milk cows on farms, at 9.16 million head, was up 46,000 head from 2006.

Milk Cows, Production of Milk, and Marketings and Income, By Selected States and United States, 2006- 2007

Selected State	Number of Milk Cows		Milk per Cow		Total Milk		Price per Cwt Milk 2/		Cash Receipts from Marketings	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Dollars		1,000 Dollars	
California	1,780	1,813	21,815	22,440	38,830	40,683	11.58	18.03	4,492,229	7,328,474
Florida	132	127	16,447	16,622	2,171	2,111	15.90	21.90	344,235	460,776
Georgia	77	77	18,234	18,169	1,404	1,399	14.40	20.30	201,024	281,561
North Carolina	51	48	18,510	19,188	944	921	14.90	20.80	138,868	189,280
South Carolina	17.0	18.0	16,16,294	17,889	277	322	15.40	21.10	42,196	67,309
Wisconsin	1,243	1,247	18,824	19,310	23,398	24,080	13.30	19.30	3,075,492	4,593,207
United States	9,112	9,158	19,951	20,267	181,796	185,602	12.96	19.21	23,404,620	35,425,015

1/ Cash receipts divided by milk or milkfat in combined marketings.



MILK PRODUCTION

There were an estimated 85 million pounds of milk produced in SOUTH CAROLINA during the January-March quarter of 2008. This is down 2 percent from January-March 2007 quarter, and up 25 percent from October-December 2005 quarter.

There were 18,000 milk cows on SOUTH CAROLINA farms during January-March 2008, unchanged from the same quarter in 2007.

Milk production in the UNITED STATES during the January-March quarter totaled 48 billion pounds, up 3.2 percent from the January-March quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.3 million head, 112,000 head more than the same period last year.

MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION: Selected States and United States, January-March, 2007- 2008

Selected States	January-March Milk Cows 1/		January-March Milk Production 2/		Percent Change From 2007
	2007	2008	2007	2008	
	Thou. Head		Million Pounds		Percent
California	1,795	1,843	10,072	10,458	3.8
Florida	130	124	584	573	-1.9
Georgia	77	77	381	363	-4.7
North Carolina	48	48	242	238	-1.7
South Carolina	18.0	18.0	87	85	-2.3
Wisconsin	1,246	1,250	5,904	6,046	2.4
United States	9,138	9,250	46,058	47,552	3.2

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.